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Responsive to the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS mailed March 26, 2002 (copy attached), submitted herewith are the following:

> Replacement pages 24, 25 and 26 of the application wherein the claims commence on a separate sheet (page 25).

The enclosed replacement pages 24, 25 and 26 are identical to the original pages, except that the claims now commence on a separate sheet (page 25).

It is respectfully requested that the replacement pages 24, 25 and 26 submitted herewith be approved and entered in replacement for the corresponding original sheets.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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mailed March 26, 2002. If any items remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given at the end of this paper for prompt further attention to this matter, as may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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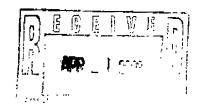
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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

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